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In re Application of

Nancy A. Noble et al

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is in response to applicants' petition filed April 15, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, X. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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